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Lieutenant Colonel Roberto Casanova, Commandant of the Maracaibo Military Zone, has stated that a reorganization of the present Venezuelan government is imminent and that he personally favors Marcos Perez Jimenez as head of the government instead of the present leader, Carlos Delgado Chalbaud. He stated that a civilian had been considered as a replacement for Delgado Chalbaud, but that as Perez Jimenez was the real power and strong man of the junta, he would probably be the next head of the government. Casanova added that on a recent trip to Caracas he made a declaration in support of Perez Jimenez and had requested that Delgado Chalbaud be eliminated from the government.

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